

his community and country is a standard that all Americans should strive to live by. I thank him, as well as all our great veterans, for protecting this great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 418.

ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of World Antibiotic Week to raise awareness of antibiotic resistance and of ways to reduce and prevent it. Antibiotic resistance is one of the most urgent threats to our nation's public health, as it affects patients, our health care system, and others worldwide. According to the CDC, each year about 2 million people are sickened due to resistant infections and 23,000 lives are lost. While antibiotics are highly effective at treating bacterial infections, overuse and misuse of antibiotics has led to resistant strains of bacteria and so-called "super bugs" that are hard or impossible to treat and will spread to other people.

This is why we must protect the integrity of our antibiotic arsenal. One way this is achieved is through effective stewardship. Stewardship is giving the right antibiotic to the right person at the right time. Patients must first be tested to determine if they have a bacterial infection, then determine what type of infection, and lastly, determine the drug that best targets the infection. Without monitoring antibiotic usage, patients can be prescribed unnecessary antibiotics that lead to ineffective treatments.

Healthcare professionals and hospitals are on the front lines in defending the public against antibiotic resistance, but they cannot do it alone. Effective stewardship programs need the right resources and funds to ensure that patient's bacterial infections are properly prescribed and administered. When done correctly, stewardship programs can reduce costs, improve patient outcomes, and reduce incidence of infections.

Mr. Speaker, we must come together to address this critical public health concern. As hospitals and healthcare professionals come together to combat antibiotic resistance, we must stand alongside them and encourage the implementation and duration of stewardship programs. Our nation's health depends on it.

HONORING CHARITY DEAN, MD/
MPH

HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the contributions of Dr. Charity Dean to Santa Barbara County's Public Health Office.

Following rigorous medical studies and a master's degree in public health and tropical medicine from Tulane University, Dr. Charity Dean began her distinguished career in Santa Barbara practicing internal medicine at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. She went on to serve in the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department as Physician Health Officer. She also served as a commissioner at the First 5 Santa Barbara County Children and Families Commission and as a fellow at the California Health Care Foundation.

Dr. Dean has been on the front lines of public health, striving to keep our community safe from serious illnesses. She played a crucial role in hospital disaster response in Santa Barbara County, especially after the Thomas Fire and January's mudslide in Montecito. For her dedication to the health and wellbeing of Santa Barbara County, she has been recognized by many organizations, most recently as the Central Coast Medical Association's 2017 Physician of the Year. As a newly appointed Assistant Director at the California Department of Health, she will touch the lives of all Californians.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to congratulate Dr. Dean on her service to Santa Barbara County and her new role at the California Department of Health.

IN RECOGNITION OF JOHN VOLPI

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize John Volpi of Lone Star Analysis, who will retire in December. His career leaves an indelible mark on the State of Texas and our nation.

Born and raised in Chicago, John moved to Texas after graduate school at Michigan State. He joined Texas Instruments where he helped usher in modern radar technologies including low level terrain following, and he was a leader in commercial electronics including low cost LORAN.

John's teams created technologies that we all depend on today. He led the creation of miniaturized high-performance GPS. He led the development of smart cell phone antennas needed for 4G and 5G base stations. John was perhaps the most important influence at a critical point when DoD decided whether to use GPS for weapons. Today, we assume JDAM and many other smart munitions use GPS. That might not have happened without John's influence.

John is an expert in intellectual property. He holds a large number of patents, awarded and pending. He was a key voice in the patent strategy at Texas Instruments, and later at Raytheon.

He left the world of large corporations to become Chief Technology Officer (CTO) of Incucomm Inc., a business incubator. Incucomm played a critical role in the successful launch of several companies and touched more than 300 tech startups in North Texas. One of the companies born in that incubator was Lone Star Analysis, where John now serves as CTO.

In 2012, John was awarded the Tech Titans Award for Corporate CTO by the DFW Metroplex Technology Business Counsel out of a pool of 4,000 firms. The Tech Titans Award was only one of many awards and accolades he has earned over his illustrious career.

In addition to his achievements, John has been an important mentor and teacher in Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology. John led Lone Star's internship program for many years. In some cases, he personally tutored young engineering students. His commitment was "none of our interns will fail any of their classes." He has been an asset for North Texas universities and their students. In fact, he personally has taught nearly all the new employees at Lone Star.

John leaves a legacy of excellence, compassion, and impact. Texas and our nation are better places because of the life he has led. I am grateful for his service, and wish him well in his retirement.

IN HONOR OF THE LIFE OF EDGAR DAVID GROSS, WT2c NAVY RE- SERVE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, November 16, 2018

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life of Edgar David Gross, WT2c Navy Reserve.

Edgar was born on October 25, 1902 in Athens, Alabama. He was the youngest of 10 children born to George and Susan Gross.

Edgar was married to Anne Pearl Gross and did not have any children. Edgar was a water tender 2nd class (WT2c) in the U.S. Naval Reserve and served aboard the USS *Oklahoma* (BB-37).

He was killed on December 7, 1941, during the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The USS *Oklahoma* was moored at berth F-5, outboard of the USS *Maryland*, at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor when attacked by Japanese forces. The USS *Oklahoma* suffered multiple torpedo hits which caused it to capsize. 429 sailors and Marines were killed, including Edgar. Only 32 men were saved.

In 2003, the POW/MIA Accounting Command disinterred the first casket of unknowns from the USS *Oklahoma* to identify. The remainder of caskets were disinterred until 2015 and Edgar's remains were identified officially on November 3, 2018.

A funeral and burial ceremony for Edgar will be held on Memorial Day 2019 at Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Athens followed by his burial at the family cemetery, Evans Cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of this brave American hero who is finally coming home.